### JUSTICE JOHN'S **PECULIARITIES**

He Does Not Regard the Value of an Oath in Evidence.

AN ASSAULT ON SQUIRE JONES.

A Mutinous Member of the Chain Gang Pops Him Side the Head. A Long Scance With Diplomatic Junk Dealers.

The Great Despenser was sitting in the boudoir before court yesterday, seemingly in a brown chocolate study when a well known lawyer tripped up to the desk and remarked: "Judge, I have something to tell you."

Without raising his head The Great Dispenser spun of the words familiar formula "the vidence-which-you-shall-giveshall-be- the-truth-thoie-truth-and-nothing -but -the -truth -help -you -god KISS T-H-E Book," and down come the heavy Judleial fist on the office desk and the lawyer jumped back and said, Judge 1

don't want to take the oath.
Well a man who will lie without swearing will lie anyhow replied the Great
Dispenser who in his abstraction thought he was on the bench.

And these are his every-day sentiments

concerning the value of an eath in taking

evidence. SOLID COMFORT.

The Big White Chamber was as comfortable yesterday as a Pullmin parlor-car and the Great Dispenser was
quite the warmest piece of stuff in the
legal lay-out.

He seemed to expect opposition and
was ready to tackle anything from a
gate hanging over the sidewalk to a
Boer Laager in an entrenched position.

Nobody crossed him and though he gave
notice more than once that he wanted it

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notice more than once that he wanted it known he was running the machine, the lawyers before him were too astate to rub the tiger's hair the wrong way, and the prisoners were too small game to satisfy his aggressive spirit.

He wiped up the docket like a hungry man gulps a 10-cent lunch and when last sighted by the lookout at the mast-head, was sitting at his desk in the boudoir with his head down between his shoulders in a don't-bother-me kind of a position, signing documents and digging his pen into the paper like a man making Hamburg steak with a common butcher-knife. burg steak with a common butcher-knife TOO BIG TO PLAY.

Cyrus Hopkins (colored) was the first victim before the Terror of Evil-Doers. Cyrus Hopkins and Geo. Jackson, two large small boys, were whacking each other in the street with sticks as big as a policeman's billy. George run and Cyrus was taken in by Officer Clarkson. Cyrus said they were only playing. Too big to play was the verdict and the benalty was \$2.

E. C. Benzley, who was serving the city E. C. Benzey, who was serving the city on the chain-gang, was assigned certain duties by the general commanding the gang. 'Squire Sugar Bottom Jones, which he refused to do, and being in mutiny, Beazley was returned to the jail for suit-able punishment.

Benziey was and able punishment.

After he had gotten inside the jail yard he cursed 'Squire Jones and hit him one for luck beside the jaw.

Deputy-Sergeant Gill took a hand and provinces tooked in. He appeared on

Beazley was locked in. He appeared on the charge of assaulting and striking an office in the discharge of his duty, was fined \$10 and put under security for 12

When last heard from in the depths of the pen. Beazley was vowing vengeance. WHEN HE COULD BE SEEN.

Robert Coleman (colored) was charged with entering the room of Charles Brown (colored) with intent to commit largeny. Brown found him in the room some months ago, with a bundle of things already wrapped for removal, but Coleman made his escape. He was sent to jail a few days ago for disturbance, and there

few days ago for disturbance, and there Charles Brown identified him.

Robert went to jail for six months. Winston Cahoon, a good-looking young man, wanted in Norfolk for alleged forgery of a check for \$23, with which he paid a board bill there, was charged with being a fuglitive from justice.

The police received a telegram to-day from that city, saying an officer would be here to take him back, and Cahoon was held to be turned over to him on demand.

Alice Throgmorton, who Airs. After infogmenton, who was charged with having forged an order on the store of F. H. Garber, which was continued some time ago, again came up. The evidence was not adduced to prove the charge of forgery, and at the suggestion of the Commonwealth's Attorney the

COUNSEL GALORE.

Lee Lewis, W. H. Morris and Jim Braxton, all colored, were before the court on the charge of breaking into the premises of Davis & Roane, who keep a store just outside the city limits on Brook road, and stealing a barrel of ork. Lewis Carpenter was also charged in the

same connection with having received goods known to have been stolen. There was quite an array of counsel, each of the accused having a legal repre-

Lee Lewis and W. H. Morris at a form-

Lee Lewis and W. H. Morris at a former examination confessed to the theft, and named Eraxton as one of the party.

These two reiterated their guilt, and the feature of the trial was the insistance of Morris in confessing to the crime against the protests of Giles Jackson, his-counsel. Capt. George Wise, Col. Spotswood and Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., were other counsel, and owing to the absence of Capt. Wise the case was continued until Saturday.

ROBBED OF MIS PRES. ROBBED OF HIS PREY.

The Great Disponser had a long seance with Mike Kelly and J. C. Smith, the two with Mike Kelly and J. C. Smith, the tro-junk dealers, who, according to Justice John, have used the streets of the city around their places of business to gtore old iron, until they have become squat-ters on city property.

Oving to the child-like and bland pro-

Or ing to the child-like and bland pro-terts of the amiable and astute Mike and the fine Italian diplomacy of his able competitor in business, the contest be-tween the Great Regulator of human affairs and these two men of iron, has been as difficult of conclusion as a com-mercial treaty with Spain.

They were fined \$5 each, and both took an agreat against the fine with Mr. I. I.

an appeal against the fine, with Mr. J. J. King as surety.

The case was continued until the 11th.

with instructions to the police to make daily reports of these obstructions after

Thus the Lion was robbed of his prey.

#### HIGH PERCENTAGES.

Nurses at Virginia Hospital Pass Good

Examinations.

The nurses of the Virginia Hospital stood their annual examinations last

Friday.

These examinations which are both oral Friday.

These examinations which are both oral and written, are prepared by members of the University College of Medicine, and are exhaustive and thoroughly test of a nurses ability and knowledge of her work. The grades made upon these examinations were made upon these examinations were made public yesterday.

Most excellent marks were reached. Out of the five members of the senior class, who were Misses Margaret Smith, of Steunton; Bessle Stucke, of Martineburg, W. Va.; New Wison, of Fairfield, Va.; Ethel Rufmer, of Charlestown, W. Va.; Anne Page Meetze, of Washington.

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#### HAMMOND, SHORT SESSION FLORIST,

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D. C., the lowest grade made was 95. Four out of the five made 100. The junior class was also examined-five in number-lowest grade made being These examinations show very main

atks.
The commencement exercises and awarding of medis to the graduating class will be held next Tuesday night at the University College.

Addresses will be made by members of the faculty.

Mr. S. B. Davies, of the city, was taken to the Viscoire Heavity London.

en to the Virginia Hospital to-day; Mr. Wray Thomas was discharged from the Retreat for the Sick yesterday

morning.

Dr. Reece, of the Retreat, returned yesterday after a holiday vacation.

#### FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

Commissioners of Agriculture to Meet

Next Week in N. w Orleans, NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—The first annual meeting of the Cotton States Association of Commissioners of Agriculture ctation of Commissioners of Agriculture Convention will be held here next week. The convention will be in session three days, being called to order at noon Wed-nesday, January 10th, by the president of the Association, Hon. O. B. Stevens, of Goognic.

The organization was formed in Atlanta the organization was formed in Addata last fall. At that time those constituting the Association were Commissioners of Agriculture only, but the membership list has recently been revised to include the Assistant State (Commissioners of Agriculture, the presidents and professors of Agriculture) colleges superintenors of Agricultural colleges, superintendents of experimental stations and State

The subjects to be discussed by the The subjects to be discussed by the convention relate mainly to the improvement of the farmer, cotton planter, to-bacco grower, the raisers of live stock and the promotion of the sugar cane and syrup industry. Many entertainments have been arrenged for the delegates during their stay in New Orleans.

#### HELD FOR NORFOLK.

Winston Cahoon to be Turned Over to

Beteetive Childress. Winston Cahoon, who was arrested here Wednesday on a charge of being a fugi-tive from justice and wanted in Norfolk on a charge of forgery, was carried be-fore Justice Crutchfield yesterday morn-

ing.

Justice Cratchield ordered that he beheid until sent for by the Norfolk authorities. A telegram was received from Chief-of-Police Kizer, of Norfolk, stating that he had mailed the warrant for Cahoon and asking that the prisoner besent to Norfolk by Detective Childress, of that city, who is coming through Richmond. Mr. Childress has not, as yet, arstead.

Funerals Yesterday.

The remains of Mrs. Bradley T. Johnson were conveyed to Baltimore yesterday morning.

The funeral of Mr. Emmett Brackett took place yesterday from Fairmount Methodist church.

The remains of Mr. Thaddus C. Jivesay were laid to yest in Oakwood yesterday

The remains of Mr. Thaddus C. Hivesay were laid to rest in Oakwood yesterday morning. The funeral was conducted from St. John's church.

The obsequies of Mrs. Julia L. Densy, who died Tuesday night, took place yesterday morning. The services were held from the church of the Sacred Heart.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Glassman took place from his residence, on Brook road, vesterday evening at 3 o'clock. oad, yesterday evening at 3 o'clock. The interment of Mr. Charles H. Powell The interment of Mr. Charles H. Powell, of Henrico county, who died Tuesday, took place in Hollywood yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place at the grave.

Rev. A. G. McManaway, formerly of Virginia, died in St. Louis, Mo., on the list of last December.

A Three-Act Farce.

In "What Happened to Jones," the three-act farce which had an immensely successful run of four months at the Bijou Theatre, New York, and which comes to the Academy to-night, George II. Broadhurst has written a play which is said to compare favorably with any of the best French models for enstructive is said to compare favorably with any of the best French models for constructive ingenuity. Its scheme is German rather than Gallic, for its involved plot at no time even hints at impropriety. A family is involved in innumerable complications through the fact that an old professor has been induced by his prospective son-in-law to witness a prize fight that has been raided by the relies. raided by the police.

raided by the police.

The company engaged to interpret
"What Happened to Jones" is described
as an industrious, hard-working and as an industrious, hardwarding accepted one. A malinee performance will be given to-morrow afternoon, and the changement will close with the performance to-morrow night.

#### Property Transfers.

Richmond: J. H. Crenshaw's executor: to Mann S. Valentine's executors, 30 2-12 on south side Main street, known as

feet on south side Main street, known as No. 619 east Main street, \$5.509. Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Richmond, Va., to trustees of the Fountain Baptist church, of Richmond, Va., 25 feet on east side Thirty-first street, 40 feet south of O street, \$200, : J. M. and A. R. Lawrence C. L. Denoon, 55 6-12 feet on east side Carter street Harvie and the plank road, also 109 acres on north side Charles City read, about seven miles from Richmond,

E. C. Mosby and wife, M. Fanny, Sarah D., Samuel and Eva E. Mosby to J. L. Robieder, 2 acres at Fair Oak on Nine Mile road, 889.

#### Many Land Grants.

The Register of the Land Office has for the year ending December 31st, received and recorded surveys upon which grants have been issued and recorded, covering 3.158 acres of land.

3.188 acres of land.
Grants were issued to parties in the counties of Wythe, Montgomery, Prince George, Henrico, Norfolk, Wise, Giles, Roanoke, Botetourt, Bath, Frederick, Augusta, Lee, Tazewell, Patrick and Car-

#### Howard's Grove Branch.

The Baptist Young People's Union, of Howard's Grove, has elected the following officers: President, Wheeler B. Huff; First Vice-President, Joseph Sims; Second Vice-President, Joseph Sms; Second-ing Secretary, Thomas V. England; Cor-responding Secretary, Miss Lula Burton; Treasurer, Fellx Tyler; Organist, Miss May Witham; Assistant Organist, Miss Julia England; Chorister, Thomas J. Eng-land

## Inactive Bowels

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## OF EACH HOUSE

But Many Bills Were Presented and Action Taken.

THE CASE OF SENATOR SHANDS.

Hearing Will Begin on the Nineth In stant and Report Will Be Made as as Soon as Possible-To Revise the Poll Tax Measure.

At a conference of the Democratic Sen ators yesterday immediately after the adjournment of the Senate. Senato: Sands, chairman of the committee, stated that as the time originally prescribed for a report from Se committee to consider the matter of admitting Senator Shands to a seat in the Demo cratic caucus would expire to-day and as the committee was not ready to make the report, he would ask for fur

ther time. The committee was given an extension The committee was given an extension of time, and as the 3th instant is the time fixed upon for the hearing of the case, the report will be made as soon thereafter as practicable.

The committee will meet in room No. 4, Capitol, at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of January "th.

The Senar was in session less than an hour, yet much business was transacted and a n. or of important measures introduced.

One of the most important resolutions

ures introduced.

One of the most important resolutions presented was one by Senator Le Cate, proposing an amendment to the Constituted of Virginia, providing for the payment of a capitation tax before a citizen can vote. Should this resolution become a law, it will either increase the funds in the State treasury or decrease the voting population.

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This bill provides for election franchise and qualification for office. The amended section is to read as follows:
"Every male citizen of the United States twenty-one years old, who shall have been a resident of this State twelve months and of the county, city or town in which he shall offer to vote three months next preceding any election, and shall have paid to the proper authorities on or before the first day of July, the capitation tax, due to the State and to the county or corporation, required by law for the preceding year, shall be entitled to vote," etc.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ROADS.

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A joint resolution was introduced by Mir, Claytor providing for an amendment to section 5, Article 10, of the Constitution, of Virginia.

The resolution provides for the levying of a tax, not exceeding one dollar per annum, on every male citizen, which shall be applied exclusively in aid of public free schools; and may levy annually a tax upon the property, real and personal, assessed for taxation in the State, which tax shall be applied exclusively to the working, and keeping in order the public roads of Virginia, the latter tax not to exceed five mills upon one dollar in value of the property in one year.

property in one year.

The resolution also provides for a read duty of not exceeding two days in any one year, upon every male citizen between the ages of 16 and 60 years, and to enforce the performance of such duty under penalties to be applied exclusively to the working of the roads.

ADULTERATED FOOD. A bill was introduced by Mr. Glass to prevent the sale of adulterated and unpranded food in the State. This bill probranded food in the State. This bill provides that the Board of Agriculture shall, from time to time, procure samples of such food, beverages and condiments, and cause the same to be analyzed. Any one who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misde-meanor, and shall be fined not to exceed

subsequent offense, \$300, or confinement in jail not exceeding one year, of both.

Mr. Claytor presented a bill to prevent the pollution of the waters of Goose Creek and tributaries by persons engaged to window or displayed to the waters of the waters of the waters of Goose Creek and tributaries by persons engaged to window or displayed out two ore the in mining or digging out iron ore, etc.,

in mining or digging out iron ore, etc., and providing penalties for violation.

The Committee on Finance and Banks reported a bill to amend and re-enact section 613 of the Code of Virginia in reference to compensation of treasurers for receiving and paying out revenue. This bill provides that the commissions of a city treasure for collecting and paying out the revenue, where the annual collection is in excess of \$60,600, shall be at the rate of 2 per cent, on such excess. rate of 2 per cent. on such excess.
OTHER BILLS.

Other bills were introduced as follows: To relieve the heirs of Adeline V. Hall. To amend an act to incorporate the Appomattox, Buckingham and Cumber-land Railroad Company. This bill prorides for an extension of the Farmville

and Powhatan Railway.

To provide for selling, granting and conveying to the Colonial Water Company, ten acres of land.

For the relief af George A. Hutcheson,

of Staunton. To amend section 614 of the Code in relation to the compensation of county and city treasurers.

and city treasurers.

To amend a section of the charter of
the town of Basic City.

To authorize the National Mutual Church Insurance Company to transact business in Virginia free from taxation. To amend section 2465 of the Code relat-

ng to contracts, deeds, etc.

To permit C. W. Grandy, of Norfolk, to and maintain a wharf on James river in Charles City county.

To relieve Dabney Abbott, an ex-con-

federate soldier. HOUSE BILLS PASSED. No. 32.-To legalize primary elections and conventions in the counties of Cul-

peper, Rockbridge, Augusta and Bedford. No. 60.—To allow J. U. Taylor to erect SENATE BILL- PASSED.

No. 38.—To amend an act to declare Clinch river and Clinch mountain a lawful fence.

The bill amending the Charter of the Old Dominion Building and Loan Association came up on its second reading and some debate was indulged in. The

bill was at request of Mr. Munford, the patron, recommitted. House Proceedings. Speaker Saunders, who was absent Wednesday, rapped the House to order yesterday at noon, when nearly every member was present.

The day's proceedings were opened with The day's proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Father Waters.

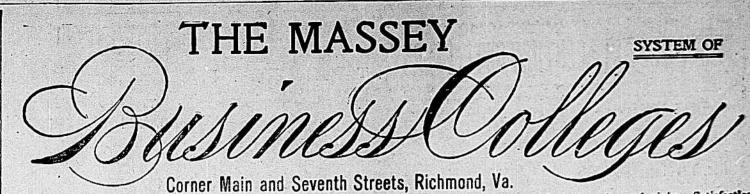
Dr. Priddy offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be and is hereby requested to inform the House of Delegates as to the number of Confederate pensioners on the rolls of Virginia, and the apportionment of the number according to the different rates of pension!"

The resolution was amended by Mr. Parks, who added: "And he shall state in his report the number from each of

in his report the number from each of the various counties of the State."

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Stewart Bryan, Daniel Grinnan, Hill Montague and James H. Scott, and such Johers as may be associated with them.

The objects of the Association are indicated in the name.

QUARANTINE BILL. QUARANTINE BILL.

Mr. Bland, of Fortsmorth, presented a bill, which purposes transferring the appeinting power of the Governor in the matter of a quarantine officer for the detrict of Elizabeth river and its tranches, and to authorize the Board of Quarantine Commissioners to elect the same.

Mr. Patteson's two bills, one relating to the State Library and the other to be establishment of free public libraries in the cities and towns of the State, were presented.

A proposition was made to elect judges of various county and Corporation Courts, but it went over to to-day.

Ar. Bland officed a bill to authorize the United States Government to acquire by purchase 20 or more acres of land adjoining the United States Navy yard with a water front of 500 feet for governments burness. ectal purposes.

mental purposes.

Mr. Dupuy offered a bill requiring all insurance companies to post a forfeit bond with the proper state officer.

Mr. Lyons, of Norfolk, introduced a bill providing for the creation of the place of steam-boiler inspector.

The House adjourned at 1 o'clock.

OTHER BILLS INTRODUCED. By Mr Wellford-For the relief of Saral Harris, widow of a Confederate soldier

Richmond county By Mr. Ayers-To grant to C. W. Pow-rrs, late treasurer of Dickinson county, urther time to make sale of delinquent By Mr. Gent-To exonerate, relieve and

By Mr. Gent-To exonerate, relieve and forever discharge James P. Keith from the payment of the fines and costs imposed on him by G. S. Isaacs, a justice of the peace of Russell county.

By Mr. Pettit-To enlarge the pension act so as to extend relief to those exconfederate soldiers who are indigent and decrenid.

decrepid.
By Mr. Gregory-To exempt Confeder By Mr. Gregory—To exempt Contederate soldiers, sailors and marines from the payment of the capitation tax.

By Mr. John Whitehead—To incorporate the Christ Church Loan Association. This bill is intended to thwart the pawn-brokers and shylocks, and to make loans to indigent poor at one-half the present rates charged.

By Mr. Duke—Incorporating the Rawlines Institute, conducted by the Bautist

By Mr. Duke—incorporating the Raw-lings Institute, conducted by the Eaptist denomination, at Charlottesville, Va. By Mr. Gent—To amend and re-enact section 3392 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved February 17, 1888, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 332 of the Code in reference to who may practice law in this State. to who may practice law in this State.

ON THE CALENDAR. To incorporate the Keysville Blenstone Mission Industrial School.

Mission Industrial School.

To compensate school trustees other than clerks in Richmond county.

To provide a new charter for the town of Abingdon.

To empower the School Board of Big Stone Gap school district in Wise county to issue bonds to erect a building for a graded school.

To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Wise county to levy a tax for county school purposes.

school purposes.

To create a board of sinking-fund commissioners for Wise counay.

To authorize the school board of Jef-

HOUSE BILLS PASSED. Authorizing A. W. Houchins, ex-deputy treasurer of Patrick county, to levy and distrain for the collection of certain un-

ferson township, in Culpeper county, to

collected taxes and levies, assessed in Smith's river district, for the year of 1894.

To incorporate the town of Phoebus, To incorporate the town of Finesos, in the county of Elizabeth City.

To authorize and empower the council of the town of Farmville to vacate and close so much of Spruce street as lies between High and Chambers streets.

To change the name of the Title and the country of the Trust Company to Southern Trust Company, and to amend and re-enact section one of an act to incorporate the Virginia Guarantee and Safe Deposit Company, of Richmond, approved January 24, 1890, and the second of the company of Richmond, approved January 24, 1890, and the company of the compa as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 22, 1894.

To amend and re-enact section 753 of the Code of Virginia, relating to State depesitaries.

For the relief of M. C. Morris.

For the relief of M. C. Morris.
To allow M. S. Cahoon, late treasurer of Botetourt county, further time to make settlements and return delinvients and colleof tax tickets.
To authorize and permit the Old Dominion Land Company to erect wharves or piers and to construct bulkheads in the James river along the water fronts of the lands owned by it in the city of New-ourt News, Virginia, and to issue bonds port News, Virginia, and to issue bonds and negotiable notes, secured by morr-gage or deeds of trust, to pay for the

SENATE BILL, PASSED. To amend the charter of the Newport News Shipbullding and Dry Dock Com-pany, permitting, the erection of a plant for the manufacture of armor-plate.

Bonts Blocked. Owing to the quantities of fee with which the James is choked the S. T. Morgan is the only steamer in port to-day. The Pocahontas and the Albemarle are both blocked at City Point, with no immediate chance of getting to Richmond.

Fertilizer Inspector.

Commissioner Koiner is being besieged with candidates for the position of fer-tilizer inspectors. The appointments will be made by the Board of Agriculture. Foot Mashed.

A white man mashed his foot very se verely at the foot of Twelfth street yes terday, about 1 o'clock. He was treated by Dr. Goode, of the ambulance. Dr. Calisch's Subject.

Rabbi E. N. Calisch will speak to-night at the synagogue on "The Influence of Greek Culture on Judaism and Early Christianity." Services hegin at 8 o'clock.

The appraisers who have been at work estimating the damage done to the Pace block by the recent fire, fix the damages

Damages Fixed.

A TONIC Horsford's Acid Phosphate Haif a teaspoonful in haif a glass of water, refreshes and invigorates the entire system. A wholesome tonic. Genuine bears name Hessyste's on wrapper,

# REPLIES TO RYAN

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us we are willing to take the stock held by yourself and your friends, some of which, you have informed me yourself, cost you as low as thirty, at 1200 per share, eliminating you from the situa-tion with a large profit to you. In conclusion, I will tell you that I am aware of the methods which you and your essociates and backers have adonted for

associates and backers have adopted for the purpose of delaying and if possible of thwarting the execution of the plans approved by a large majority in interest. I do not doubt that the reckless attacks which have been made upon those institutions in New York and elsewhere who are supposed to have holdings in these securities will re-act upon those who inspire them for their own evil purposes. REFUSED THE OFFER.

The statements which I submitted to you, upon which our plan of consolidation was based, showed very large surplus carnings over and above all possible fixed charges. We told you that if you cared to co-operate in this consolidation that we were willing to let you appoint your the purpose of delaying and if possible

we were willing to let you appoint your we were willing to let you appoint your own experts to make a thorough examination of the books and accounts of each and every road concerned in the consolidation, with the understanding that if our reports should not be confirmed and vertified you would not be under any obligations to come into the consolidation, but that if these statements of ours should be found to be correct, then you should join in with us, receiping terms as should be found to be correct, then you should join in with us, receiving terms as favorable as those allowed to any other stockholder. This you refused to agree to. I also proposed to you, on November 9th, that we should lay our plans of consolidation before the best railroad minds as the country to get the heneft of their. in the country, to get the benefit of their judgment in regard to them, and I sug-

judgment in regard to them, and I suggested the names of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of some five or ten of the best systems in the country. You again refused my offer.

At that time, I asked you whether there was any other information which you desired, and which I could furnish you, in order that you might come to your conclusion and you replied they you know onclusion, and you replied that you knew of nothing else that you desired; that I had furnished you with all the facts, figures, and information, relative to the proposition, that you wanted.

When you remarked on November 9th, 1899, that you had never visited Florida yourself, I urged you to select an expert and let him make a thorough examipert and let him make a thorough examination of the physical condition of all the properties involved in the proposed consolidation, and offered to put at his disposal every facility for such an examination and I specially invited you yourself to come down and go over the properties, but you refused to do this, and as a matter of fact, you have not for several years past personally attended a single stockholders' meeting of any of the roads of the Scaboard System, in which you

stockholders' meeting of any of the roads
of the Senboard System, in which you
claim to be so deeply interested, but
have sent down to them certain actorneys who seem to be paid for the purpose of attempting to make trouble
wherever they can do so.

I do not believe that those interested
in the creation of a system so sound, so
extensive, and with such prospects for
the benefit of the South can be disturbed
by the futile and cowardly attempts which
are being made to wreck the same.

are being made to wreck the same.
Your holding of stocks in the Se Your holding of stocks in the Sea-board and Roanoke road, as compared with the value of the systems em-braced in the consolidation, is a small fraction, and you may be sure that those so deeply interested will protect them-selves and not permit you to "sandbag" (to use your own expression) the enter-prise, as it seems that you have vainly and maliciously attempted to do. (Signet)

(Signed) JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS.

### NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

York River Line Steamers Make no

Landing at Yorktown. During the winter months the York River line steamers will discontinue landing at Yorktown, but passengers desiring to go to Yorktown via the Southern can purchase tickets to Gloucester Point, which is just across the river, and be fer-

ried to Yorktown. Mr. Morris Powers, chief clerk to Traffic Manager J. M. Cuip, of the Southern, with headquarters at Washington, is the guest of Richmond friends

Mr. George W. Stevens, general man-ager of the Chesapeake and Ohio, left on a trip West. He will inspect the various divisions of the system, and is expected back by the begining of next week Superintendent of Motive Power W. S Morris, of the Chesapeake and Ohio eft for the East last night to look after the interests of the company. He will return by the latter part of the week. Mr. Morris will also visit Boston, and place ontract for the C. & O.'s new. Keaugh will get the award.

Bantist Church in Cuba. In order to examine into the conditions and determine upon the practicability of establishing a Baptist church in Cuba. Dr W. W. Landrum and Dr. F: H. Kerfoot have gone to that place. Dr. Kerfoot, who is corresponding seeretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will go to Cuba mainly to inspect the various Baptist missions already on the island and under the juris-Dr. Landrum is well remembered here as pastor of the Second Baptist church, and is now pastor of the First Baptist church at Atlanta.

Daughters of Liberty.

At the last meeting of the Daughters of Liberty, Council No. II, the following officers were installed:
Councillor, Nora Davidson; Associate Councillor, Laura Davis; Vice-Councillor, Melville Davis; Associate Vice-Councillor, Maggie Cariton; Junior Ex-Councillor, J. J. Davis; Associate Junior Ex-Councillor, Nettie Enroughty; Recording Secretary. Namite Carey: Assistant Recording ior, Nettio Enroughty; Recording Secretary, Nannie Carey; Assistant Recording Secretary, Lena Burton; Financial Secretary, Anna Anderson; Treasurer, Alice Burton; Guide, Maude Miller; Outside Guard, Fannie Longan; Inside Guard, Dr. R. L. Kern; Trustees, Ida Stutz, Melville Davis and W. W. Whitlock.

Only Routine Business The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia

held a meeting at Murphy's Hotel yester-day morning at 9 o'clock. The following are the members of the committee, all of whom were present: Messrs. Carter Glass, of Lynchburg; Joseph Bryan, of Rich-

mond; D. Harmon, of Charlottesville; George W. Miles, of Radford, and C. P. Jones, of Highland county. Only routine business, such as the ap-proval of some bills, and some construc-tion work at the University was trans-acted.

Building Association

The West End Building Fund Association, No. 2. at its last meeting, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Frank Miller, president: Daniel Murphy, secretary and treasurer; Joseph A. Fischer, James Johnson and Joseph F. Orschel, trustees; W. A. Pennell, J. W. Alexander, J. W. Pennell, Andrew Steinbrecher, Emil Enders and John W. Parker, directors; George J. Hooper, attorney.

Rallroad Earnings.

Following are the estimated gross earnings of the Norfolk and Western Railway for the fourth week of December. \$392,233; same week last year, \$229,658; decrease, \$27,425. Total for month to date. \$1,066,331; same period last year, \$1,004,961; increase, \$61,391. July 1st to latest 46,864,974; same period last year, \$5,912,541; increase, \$352,427. D.d Not Know Her.

At the examination in the Gaynor case before United States Commissioner Shields in New York yesterday morning, quite a scene was created by Georgia Star, formerly of Richmond, claiming Mr. John Gaynor as her husband. She said they were married in Richmond in 1887.

Mr. Gaynor, who was present to appear at the examination, said that he did not know the woman. know the woman.

A beautiful pair of gold eyeglasses was presented to Hon, Henry R. Pollard last Sunday by his Bible class at Grove-Avenue Baptist church. The presentation speech was made by Colonel John S. Harwood, at the request of the class, and was a most happy one. Mr. Pollard feelingly expressed his pleasure at the gift. happy one. Mr. Pollard feeling of his pleasure at the gift.

. New Year Entertalnment.
The Pine-Street Baptist Sunday-School
held their New Year entertainment last
night at 8 o'clock. The gifts to the scholars of the Infant Class were distributed
in the afternoon, at a meeting held for
the children, at 5 o'clock.
The exercises were in charge of a committee, of which Mr. John S. Bethel was
chalrman.

New Year Entertainment.

chairman. Given Three Months, The case of Willis Skinker (colored) was before Justices Lewis and Richard-

son. He was charged with stealing two wagon wheels from Joe Wallace of the value of \$12. Skinker was given three months in jail, but took an appeal through his attorney. Mr. George W. Thomas. Bail was granted in the sum of \$109.

Mr. Coffman Back.

Adjutant Coffman Back.
Adjutant Coffman, lately of the First
Tennessee Regiment, which served in the
Philippines, formerly of the Chesapeake
and Ohio office, in this city, has returned
from the seat of war, and brought with
him a number of weapons, similar to those
in use by Aguinaldo men, including bolos,
borongs and krisses.

Uniform Pythians. The Uniform Rank of Pythians held their annual meeting for the ejection of officers Wednesday evening. The follow-

officers Wednesday technish has been ging were elected:
First Lieutenant, J. W. Booker; Captain, W. M. Myers; Second Lleutenant, Frank A. Arnzen; Recorder, George E. Bowden; Treasurer, Charles II. Lester.

At the Firemen's Disposal.

Mr. James Sweeney, the south Eighth-street liveryman, geenrously placed his cabs and carriages at the disposal of the cabs and carriages at the disposal of the firemen during the fire at the Chesapeake and Ohio offices.

Many of the most frozen men availed themselves of his kind offer, for which they were very grateful.

Long Nights. Long Nights.

Complaint is now being made about the big gas bills. It is a general opinion that the pressure on the pipes is too heavy, and that the meter hands are forced around. In one case a bill has jumped from \$2.50 to \$5.12 in the last four mouths, and not any more gas was apparently used than at the time of the smaller bill.

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## WHAT THE ARMOR PLATE BILL MEANS

To Establish a Factory in Connection With the Ship Yard.

A GUN FACTORY MAY COME TOO.

Several Candidates for Commonwealth's Attorney - The Police Justice Has a Wholesale Vaccination in His Court,

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 4 .- Special.-The announcement that the State Senate yesterdap passed under a suspension of rules the bill authorizing the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company to issue preferred as well as common stock, and to establish an arhere fraught with peculiar interest and significance. It is believed to mean the actual beginning of that much-talked-of plan to establish an armor-plate concern nere, and all indications go to confirm this belief.

THIRD MORE POPULATION. Inquiry at the yard to-day elicited the information that the bill was passed simply to put the company in a position to establish such a factory should it see fit to do so; but the inference is perfectly reasonable that there is much more to it than this. The fact that the matter has been under consideration for several years. been under consideration for several years, the various incidents of the armor-plats manufacturing business, the recent visit of distinguished congressmen and of Cornelius Vanderbit, the present visit of Mr. Huntington himself, owner of the yard, and many other things point to the consummation of this enterprise, which will mean so much to Newport News, which will mean an addition of a third or more to its population, the expenditure of millions of money here, and the inauguration of a new era in shipbuilding, glving to this country for the first time a plant capable of building and armoring a ship without having to go outside for anything. Should been under consideration for several years,

THREE CANDIDATES.

The January term of the Corporation Court begins next Monday. It is believed that before that date Judge T. J. Barham will appoint a Commonwealth's attorney to take the place made vacant by the death of the lamented J. K. M. Newton.

So far four candidates have been mentioned for the office, all of them exceptionally good men and popular. They are Colonel J. C. Baker, C. C. Mitchell, C. Aylett Ashby and C. W. Robinson.

Colonel Baker came here some time ago from Woodstock, where he held the office of Commonwealth's attorney. He was THREE CANDIDATES.

from Woodstock, where he held the office of Commonwealth's attorney. He was colonel of the Second Regiment, Virginia

colonel of the Second Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, during the recent war, and is one of the brightest and best-known men in the State.

Mr. Mitchell is one of the foremost of the young lawyers of the city, having won a solid reputation in the time he has been here. Before taking the law course at Washington and Lee, he was a newspaper man, having driven the quilt successfully in Ohio as well as in the Old Dominion. He has received the endorse-

Committee.

Mr. Ashby is also a young man-every-body in Newport News is young-and one of the ablest members of the bar here. He is a brilliant speaker, witty and immensely popular.

Mr. Robinson is another of "Old Ran's boys." having graduated several years ago at Washington and Lee. He has been prominent at the bar and in politics ever these the edity was incorporated, and has since the city was incorporated, and has nosts of friends. He is best known in hosts of friends. He is best known in Tidewater Virginia through the fight he made against Hon. D. Gardiner Tyler for the nomination to the State Senate. His Honor has not yet announced or intimated his choice.

HINT TO JUSTICE JOHN.

His Honor, Police-Justice Brown, sur-prised the aggregation that filled the court-room this morning. When the crowd was all in he stationed an officer at each door of the room, called on two physicians and had the whole business vaccinated. He proposes to do this every morning, and it is probable that there will be a falling-off and a thinning out of the hangers-on hereafter.

IN FEDERAL COURTS.

Bernheim, Rexinger & Co. Ask That Jos. Salotti be Declared a Bankrupt. William and Henry Flegenheimer as counsel for Bernheim Rexinger & Co., et al., filed a petition in the United States District Court, asking that Joseph Salottibe declared an involuntary bankrupt.

An injunction was later issued and served on John Onesty, restraining him served on John Onesty, restraining him from disposing of any goods claimed to have been recently conveyed to him by the alleged bankrupt. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals will convene in this city Feb-

ruary 5th.

There is a fairly large docket and the judges will be Goff, Simonton, Waddill and Morris. The Stamp Exhibition,

. The exhibition of postage and revenue stamps, giving by the Section on Phil-ately of the Brooklyn Institute, has enstamps, giving by the Section on Piniately of the Brooklyn Institute, has encouraged the members to give a second
exhibition on somewhat broader lines,
with the co-operation of leading Philatelic Societies in New York, Chicago, Boston and Richmond, at the art rooms of the
Brooklyn Institute. It Montague street,
Brooklyn, N. Y., from March 3 to 11, 1900.
The exhibition will be open on week-days
from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. and on Sundays from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.
Gold, sliver and bronze medals of handsome design, as well as special awards
will be offered for competition for the best
exhibits by collectors and designs.
Prospectuses and other information conceruing the exhibition may be had on acplication to the secretary, Mr. John D.
Carberry, 1125 Puisson avenue, Brooklya,
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of building and armoring a snip without having to go outside for anything. Should the gun plant be established here, as has been talked of also, the plant could turn out a ship complete and ready for commission. Negotiations have been in progress some time in connection with this proposed gun plant, but what the status of the situation now is, no one on "the outside" knows." outside" knows.

ment of the City Democratic Executive Committee.